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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

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Art Unit 2624 )

Application Number: 10/026,711 )

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Le, Brian Q. )

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Sir:

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Total Claims	19	19	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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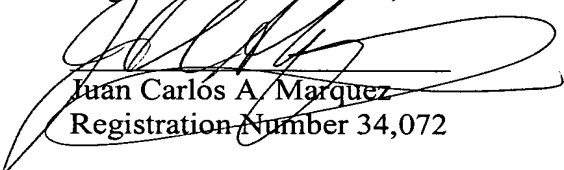
- [ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)  
[ ] Substitute Spec. & marked-up copy  
[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2006, the period for response to which is set to expire on December 26, 2006, since December 25, 2006 is a federal holiday. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: